

THE GREAT NORTHWEST

Interesting Happenings in This, the World's Favored Section.

A MYSTERIOUS ACCIDENT

Work of Pupils of the Oregon Blind School—Two Dogs, Pettit and Mollie by Name—The Dailies.

The Columbia River Methodist conference at Spokane resolved to vote only for those who unequivocally declare for absolute prohibition of the liquor tariff.

James Mackey, a resident of Albany, Ore., aged 86, is entitled to the distinction of having assisted in building the first railroad in the United States, that between Germantown and Philadelphia, just 90 years ago. In fact he helped lay the first rail.

A bench show will be given in Seattle at an early date. There a number of fine bred dogs in that city, and as Oregon and British Columbia as well as Washington cities will be allowed to compete for the prizes, it is expected that the show will be successful in every particular.

A fine collection of Columbia river Indian relics was on exhibition at the art exposition in Seattle last week, says the Spokane Review. The display embraced a great variety of articles, and its collection was the work of 27 years. It will be of great value in the not distant future.

A United Presbyterian church was dedicated at Shedd last Sunday. The sermon delivered on that occasion by Rev. S. G. Irvine, D. D., of Albany, was his 4,000th discourse. Dr. Irvine is an Oregon pioneer, and his strength is unabated.

Last Sunday night, or rather Monday morning, there was a good-sized sensation in Sand Point over a game of craps, says the Kootenai, Idaho, Herald. Sam Hayes, a merchant in the town, was backing the game at Baldwin & Bradley's. Hayes lost \$300 by morning, which took all his cash. He asked the dealer to cash a check, which was done, but Hayes picked up both the check and money and drew his gun and ordered everybody out of the house and took all the greenbacks in sight. Hayes has since been arrested for highway robbery, and Mrs. Hayes has had the house pulled for selling liquor to Hayes after her notifying them not to.

A mysterious accident occurred here yesterday, in which the 12-year-old daughter of Dr. W. H. Parrish, a prominent physician of this place, was injured, says a Monmouth, Ore., special to the Portland Oregonian. While she was sitting near an open fireplace a terrible explosion occurred in the fire, filling the room with debris. The noise soon brought a crowd of people to the spot, and when the excitement had subsided it was found that the little girl's lower limbs were literally filled with what was at first supposed to be shot from a cartridge. Dr. Parrish, however, could find no shot in the wounds, nor could the least vestige of any explosion be found in the fireplace. Later in the day some small fragments resembling brass were removed

from the wounds. What the explosion was, or how it got in the fire, is wholly a mystery. The little girl, it is thought, will recover.

A number of the pupils at the school for the blind in Salem have for some time been instructed in the art of knitting hammocks from cotton twine, and some of them have become quite expert in the business. Yesterday a lot of the needles used in knitting hammocks and also those used in knitting nets, were seen at the establishment of a dealer in nets and twines, says the Portland Oregonian. They are made by hand, being whittled out of wands of the Indian arrow-wood, which is common in many parts of the state, growing principally on low ground. It is a tough, hard, springy wood, peculiarly adapted in making these needles. Those for knitting hammocks are simply a flat piece of wood whittled down to the thickness of about one-eighth of an inch, with a deep notch rounded out at each end. These hold much more twine than the needles used in knitting nets, by which the number of knots or splices in the twine is lessened. The blind pupils do not attempt to knit fishing knots, as to make the double knot and insure the accuracy in the size of mesh required demands skill and keen eyesight. Quite a number of the hammocks knitted by the pupils have been sold in this city.

A correspondent of the Seattle Press-Times writes as follows of the Little Dailies and the peril of navigating the river at that point: "The Little Dailies was designed by the great Artificer for one of the chief portage points on the Columbia. It is waited for half a mile with fantastically wrought lime and marble, in whose enormous crevices and pools the water boils and bores continually. In the summer it runs from 60 to 100 feet in depth. In the winter a skillfully-managed canoe can pass, though many a life has paid the forfeit of the attempt. It is not so long ago that Three-Fingered Frank, the most experienced boatman on the upper river, was lost in the monster whirlpool just below the mouth of the gorge. When he embarked, despite the dissuasive efforts of friends, he hastened out to the jutting rocks to witness his daring. He was paddling at the stern of his canoe. He tried in vain to circle the eddy. The canoe, drawn irresistibly into the vortex, stood straight on end for a second, and then disappeared with its foolhardy occupant. Neither canoe nor boatman was found.

The Tacoma Globe says: The prominent features of the water front are two dogs—Penitentiary and Mollie by name. The former is a black water spaniel and was born at McNeil's island, thus the name. It is the property of Foreman H. E. Vansyckle, of the Northern Pacific freight depot at the wharf, but nearly every wharf worker looks after "Pen." He has a share of the work that is daily done on the steamship dock and an important job it is, too. Every evening Pen drives the sheep from the stock yards to the boats they are assigned to. A peculiar thing about Pen is that he knows that the steamer City of Seattle is a Northern Pacific boat, and every time he tries to drive the sheep on to that boat whether they be consigned to it or not. Every night Pen eats supper on the steamer City of Seattle, which may have something to do with his partiality. Once in a while Pen takes a trip on the City of Seattle. Mollie is a black and

white spaniel and is apparently wharf property. Early in the morning she is fed breakfast on the Multnomah, and about 5 o'clock in the afternoon she can always be found waiting for the Bailey Gatzert to arrive that she may get her dinner. At night she eats in company with Pen on the City of Seattle. There is no particular work done by Mollie, but she knows everybody and everybody knows Mollie.

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